

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 11-14 are pending. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. For instance, new claim 14 is supported by the present specification at paragraph [0031]. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Favorable action for the reasons presented on December 17, 2004 is respectfully requested. Further, favorable action on new claim 14 is also requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Reg. No. 42,874, at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP at the number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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